



## EVENT PROTOCOLS

# COVID-19 RISK MITIGATION

### General

- All Team Penning participants should be educated on COVID-19 protocols and expectations.
- Only the Team Penning participants, venue staff, Team Penning personnel and judges essential for operating the Team Penning are permitted in the venue.
- No in-person audiences, household members or general public are permitted to be present during Team Penning activities or events.
- Team Penning participants must maintain 2 metres' physical distance and mask at all times in indoor areas of the Team Penning venue,
- When applicable, participants should only be in one Team Penning event at a time, but can participate in more than one Team Penning class as part of that event.
- Participants should avoid COVID-19 risk activities for the duration of the event, including reducing public contact.
- Participants should complete hand hygiene before and after completing a Team Penning activity.
- Follow all current public health measures and applicable guidance on Alberta BizConnect.

Note: A person's vaccine status does not provide any form of exemption, or otherwise remove or reduce any provincial requirements related to quarantine, isolation or other matters as prescribed by CMOH Orders.

### Protocols

Team Penning organizers will develop and implement on-site COVID-19 protocols, which should adhere to this guidance document and industry accepted best practices.

These protocols will include:

#### (1) **Daily Symptom Checks**

- All participants, including staff and judges, will complete a daily symptom check prior to arrival to the venue.
- A QR code will be posted at the entrance to the grounds and ALL individuals must complete this before entering the grounds. One must be completed for each individual.

- All individual must complete the symptom check questionnaire on Friday upon arrival and before exiting their vehicle (if applicable). As well as Saturday morning before the event AND Sunday morning before the event.
  - The information collected may be submitted to Alberta Health Services for contact tracing, if required.
- (2) Cleaning and disinfecting**
- High touch surfaces will be disinfected throughout the event.
  - Washrooms will be cleaned and disinfected throughout the event.
  - Hand sanitizer will be provided and located near entrances/exits, washrooms and secretaries station.

### **Pre-Event**

- All participants, including staff and judges, will complete a daily symptom check prior to arrival to the venue. A QR code will be posted at the entrance to the grounds and ALL individuals must complete this before entering the grounds. One must be completed for each individual.
- Individuals who report COVID symptoms must not attend the venue, and follow provincial requirements to isolate.
- Team Penning committees/organizers prepared the following support plan for any participant denied participation in the event due to exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19:

#### **ATCPS Support Plan for Symptomatic Competitor**

- (1) The symptomatic individual will not be allowed past the screening station and all personal information will be collected and retained for 28 days.
  - (2) The individual will be instructed regarding the legal requirements for testing and isolation.
  - (3) The individual will go to their personal vehicle or the vehicle they arrived at the facility in and remain there.
  - (4) Any individuals that travelled to the event with the symptomatic individual will also be informed of their legal requirements for testing and isolations as well as be required to leave the event.
  - (5) The symptomatic individual and their close-contacts will be required to inform the ATCPS COVID Compliance Officer of their test results once received. They will be provided with the contact information for the COVID Compliance Officer.
- (3) Team Penning committees/organizers must prepare a rapid response plan in case a Team Penning participant becomes symptomatic while on-site.

#### **ATCPS Rapid Response Plan**

- (1) The symptomatic individual will immediately leave the indoor facility (if applicable), leave their mask on and contact the ATCPS COVID Compliance Officer.
- (2) The individual will be instructed regarding the legal requirements for testing and isolation.

- (3) The individual will go to their personal vehicle or the vehicle they arrived at the facility in and remain there.
- (4) Any individuals that travelled to the event with the symptomatic individual will also be informed of their legal requirements for testing and isolations as well as be required to leave the event.
- (5) The symptomatic individual and their close-contacts will be required to inform the ATCPS COVID Compliance Officer of their test results once received. They will be provided with the contact information for the COVID Compliance Officer.

All individuals should minimize their time in public before the Team Penning and limit contact for 2-7 days prior to the event/activity. This includes:

- Avoiding contact with other persons;
- Minimizing leaving the home for non-urgent errands (e.g., use delivery services wherever possible);
- Avoiding public transportation; and
- Youth participants should avoid participation in any other sport, performance or recreational activity

### **Spectators and Audience**

- No spectators or audience are permitted for indoor Team Penning at this time.
- This includes, but is not limited to, other participants, family/household members, close contacts, the general public.
- A coach/instructor/trainer may watch the participant, but must vacate as soon as the participant completes their event.
- Outdoor Team Pennings may have up to 10 spectators, with 2 metres physical distance between households.
- Team Penning participants, venue staff, team penning personnel, judges, etc. are not permitted to spectate.
- \*\*Judges judging an event is not considered spectating.

### **Events**

- The back of the arena (numbering alley and herd pens) is limited to essential personnel only. This requirement is to protect the safety and health of all individuals.
- Non-essential cattle personnel are not permitted in and around the numbering alley/holding pens. Essential personnel include: participants, helpers, cattle handlers, judges, board members or veterinarians.
- Medical and veterinarian personnel may be present on the numbering alley/herd holding pens to attend to any injury and limit their time.
- Any person not listed above and not physically helping the participant and animal to exit the arena and/or holding pens are considered non-essential.

- Each participant is allowed one helper at the in/out gate who must be a participant entered in the event. The Participant Helper may be responsible for cinching, videoing, hydration and instruction. Participants will be staged in the in/out gate at a 2 metre distance from other participants.
- The gate volunteer, participant helper, order of go volunteer and participants in cue are the only individuals permitted to be in the order of go line up during the event.
- The Team Penning Board should provide warm-up areas to stage riding event participants. Staging areas will be sufficient to allow for physical distancing guidelines of 2 metres between participants.
- Disinfectant should be provided to, and easily available for all individuals.
- At the end of the ride, the participant must exit the arena.
- Organizers must ensure there is only one team in the arena at any time, in addition to the two mandatory herd holders. Herd holders must exit the arena immediately after the teams number is called and the clock starts.
- Participants must not congregate in groups and must maintain 2 metres of physical distance from other participants.
- The next four teams may be in the indoor staging area and maintain 2 meters of physical distance. Participants must enter the arena when called upon.
- At the end of the ride, the team must exit the arena except for the two riders who remain to hold the herd for the following team.

### **Event Staff**

- The announcer stand (tables, seats, microphones, scoreboard, sound boards, etc.) shall be wiped down before and after each performance with a disinfectant solution.
- All event personnel must maintain 2 metres' distance from one another at all times, and mask in indoor areas.
- Access to the announcer stand must be limited to essential personnel only.

### **Mask Use**

- Team Penning participants must wear a mask indoors at all times except:
- When actively participating in a team penning activity (participants and support persons/teams).
- When announcing Team Penning events (announcers only).
- Masks must be worn by all participants at all times in all other areas of the venue, include entering and leaving, washrooms, elevators, etc.

## **Accommodations**

- Trailers and other mobile accommodations must be parked at least 2 metres away from any other trailer/mobile accommodation.
- Only members of the same household are permitted in their trailer/mobile accommodation.
- Only individuals essential to the operation of the Team Penning can attend (e.g., to the extent possible, immediate families should not attend).
- Households should not share food or other items.

## **Gatherings**

- At this time, outdoor gatherings are limited to 10 individuals, with 2 metres distance between households.
- No indoor gatherings are permitted.